

The Christian Education of the Negro

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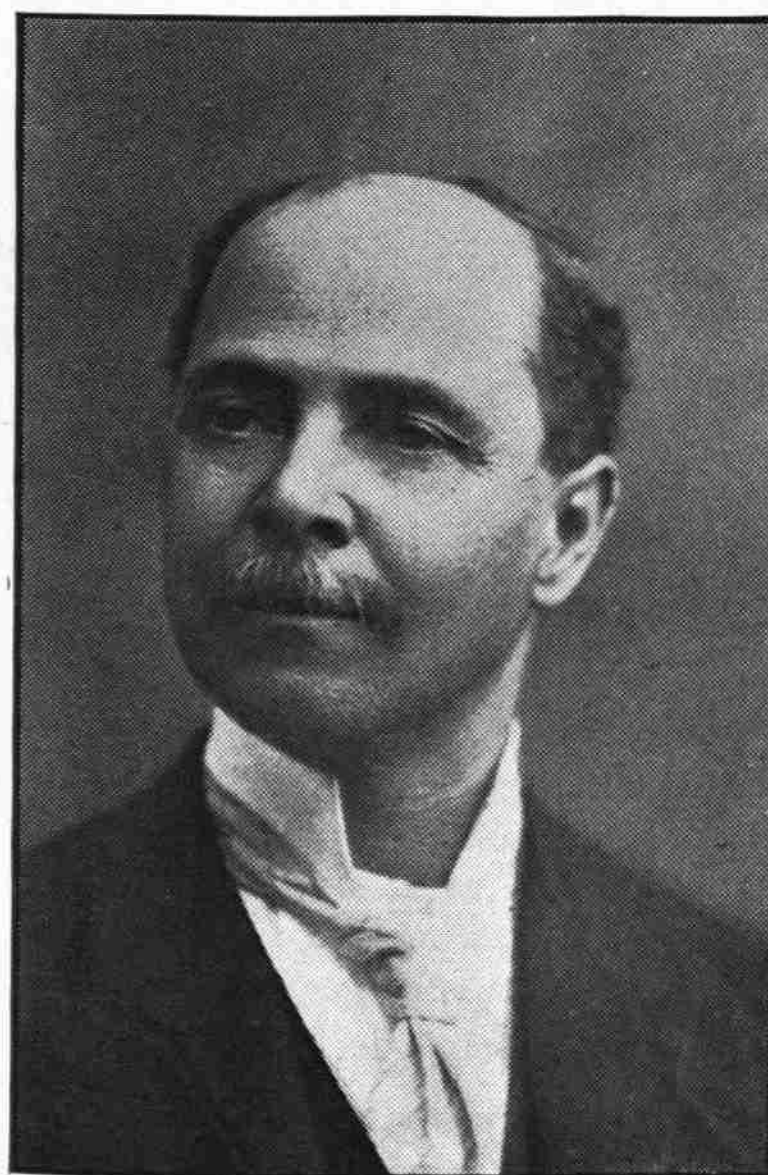
HENRY M. FORD, D.D., Corresponding Secretary

THE Free Baptist denomination was intensely anti-slavery and for abolition even before John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry. At the close of the war, through the help of Blaine, Fessenden, James A. Garfield, and O. O. Howard, it secured the gift of all the government lands and buildings at Harper's Ferry, valued at \$60,000, where in 1867 was planted Storer College. The denomination has added to this gift thousands of dollars. The school at Harper's Ferry has graduated over 600 teachers and 400 ministers.

In 1865 home mission work was begun up and down the Mississippi, with headquarters at Cairo. A school building was erected, which was burned a few years after by an incendiary. It was rebuilt, but the school after a time failed. However, one hundred and seventy churches were organized, as many ministers ordained, and these churches have generally prospered.

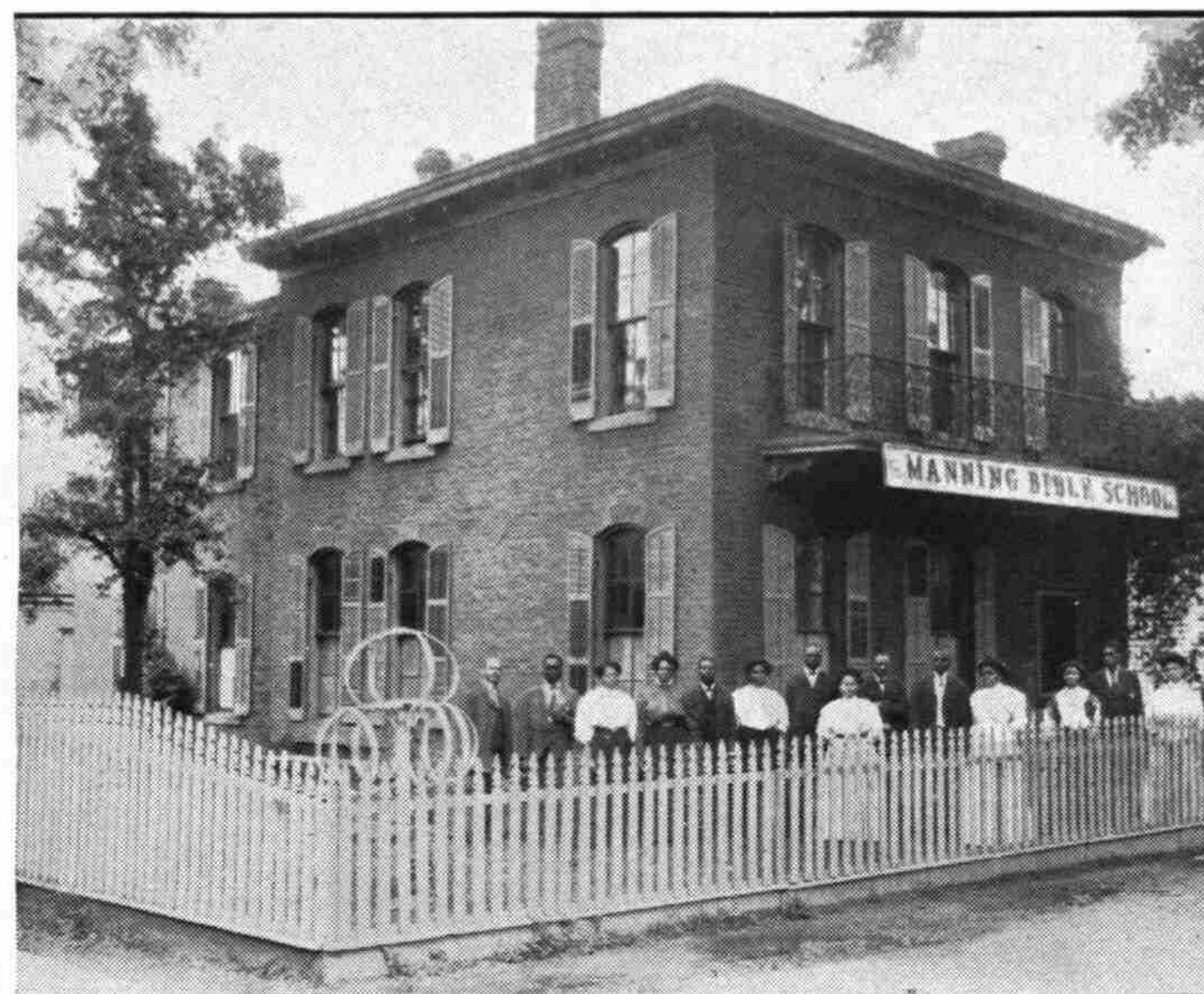
Manning Bible School, Cairo, Ill.

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A FREE BAPTIST institution for training young colored men for the ministry and for training missionaries, Sunday-school workers, teachers, and public school instructors. Named for Rev. J. S. Manning, who, in 1865, began mission work in Cairo, "the very gateway of the South, at a point dipping almost as deep in the Southland as the southern boundaries of Virginia and Kentucky." Two teachers, 6 students in 1908. Annual expenses, \$1,000. Supported by Free Baptist General Conference Board.



MANNING BIBLE SCHOOL, CAIRO, ILL.
FOUNDED IN 1900

Storer College, Harper's Ferry, W. Va.

Henry T. McDonald, President

STORER COLLEGE was founded in 1867 by the Home Mission Society of the Free Baptist Church, and named in honor of the late Mr. John Storer, of Sanford, Me. There were 15 teachers and 234 students in 1908.

The annual expenses of \$12,000 are secured from the church, from benevolent friends, and by a grant of \$2,500 a year from the state. The Freedmen's Bureau contributed \$6,000 to the college. Congress gave valuable buildings and grounds at Harper's Ferry in 1868.

Storer College is one of the oldest institutions of learning for the colored people in the United States. It is a Christian school and has always exemplified in its faculty and instruction a high type of religious life. It is unsectarian, but insists that the education of most value is that which has permeated the teaching of Jesus.

Harper's Ferry is at the junction of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, hence the college is easily reached from many directions. It is in the midst of a prosperous farming community, and the large markets reduce the cost of food to a minimum.